

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 BONN 12369 01 OF 02 272027Z
ACTION EUR-08

INFO OCT-01 SS-14 ISO-00 SSO-00 NSC-05 NSCE-00 INR-05
CIAE-00 SP-02 L-01 PRS-01 PM-03 DODE-00 EB-04
ACDA-10 INRE-00 /054 W
-----101016 272051Z /66

O O 272014Z JUL 77 ZFF 4
FM AMEMBASSY BONN
TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 0151
INFO USMISSION USBERLIN IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY BERLIN
AMEMBASSY LONDON
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW
AMEMBASSY PARIS
USMISSION NATO
CINC EUR VAHINGEN
CINC USAFE RAMSTEIN
CINC USAREUR HEIDELBERG
USELM LIVE OAK
7350 ABGP TEMPELHOF

C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 01 OF 02 BONN 12369

LIMDIS

DEPARTMENT PLEASE NOTIFY EUR/CE ON RECEIPT

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV EAIR BQG
SUBJECT: SOVIET CORRIDOR FLIGHT

REF: USBER 1961 DTG 271210Z JUL 77

BEGIN SUMMARY. IN A TRIPARTITE MEETING TODAY, ALLIED
BONN GROUP REPS REACHED AD REF AGREEMENT ON A STATEMENT
TO BE GIVEN TO THE SOVIETS IN THE BASC AND ON PRESS
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 BONN 12369 01 OF 02 272027Z

GUIDANCE. WE HOPE TO HAVE A FULL BONN GROUP MEETING
TOMORROW TO CONSIDER WHAT STEPS THE FRG MIGHT TAKE,
E.G. A PROTEST TO THE SOVIETS ABOUT THE VIOLATION OF THE
ROUTING GIVEN IN THEIR DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE FOR FRG
AIR SPACE. SINCE ANOTHER AEROFLOT FLIGHT IS SCHEDULED
FOR THE SAME ROUTE NEXT SUNDAY AND MONDAY WE BELIEVE IT
IS IMPORTANT FOR THE STATEMENT TO BE GIVEN IN THE BASC AS

SOON AS POSSIBLE. ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVAL OF TEXTS.
END SUMMARY.

1. AT JULY 27 TRIPARTITE MEETING ATTENDED BY BONN
GROUP REPS AND CAA'S, WE AGREED AD REF ON FOLLOWING TEXT
FOR A PROPOSED BASIC STATEMENT BY THE UK:

BEGIN TEXT

"MY AUTHORITIES WISH TO REFER TO THE SOVIET FLIGHT
THROUGH THE CENTER CORRIDOR ON 24 JULY.

"IN THE INTEREST OF SAFETY, AN INTEREST WHICH WE
SHARE WITH THE USSR, A NUMBER OF PROCEDURES, WITH WHICH
YOU ARE FAMILIAR, HAVE BEEN FOLLOWED OVER THE YEARS.
THE AEROFLOT FLIGHT DEVIATED FROM SEVERAL OF THESE
PROCEDURES. SPECIFICALLY, THE AEROFLOT AIRCRAFT DID NOT
ESTABLISH DIRECT CONTACT WITH BARTCC ON ENTRY INTO THE
CORRIDOR AND WAS NOT IN CONTACT WITH BARTCC WHEN IT
LEFT ITS ASSIGNED HEIGHT. MOREOVER, THE UNORTHODOX
PATTERN FLOWN BY THE AIRCRAFT IN THE BCZ OBLIGED
BARTCC, IN THE INTEREST OF AIR SAFETY, TO ALTER THE
FLIGHT PATH OF AN INBOUND CIVIL AIRCRAFT IN THE SOUTH
CORRIDOR.

"MY AUTHORITIES MUST INSIST THAT SOVIET AIRCRAFT
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 BONN 12369 01 OF 02 272027Z

USING THE AIR CORRIDORS AND THE BCZ FOLLOW THE
QUADRIPARTITELY AGREED RULES AND ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES.
NOT TO DO SO WOULD CONSTITUTE A THREAT TO AIR SAFETY.
THE FRENCH AND US CHIEF CONTROLLERS ASSOCIATE THEM-
SELVES WITH THIS STATEMENT."

END TEXT

2. WE ALSO AGREED AD REF ON FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE
(AFTER CONFIRMING THE FLIGHT):

"IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POSTWAR AGREEMENTS
ESTABLISHING THE CORRIDORS, THE RUSSIANS ARE FREE TO FLY
IN THE CORRIDORS AND THE BCZ ON THE SAME BASIS AS THE
THREE ALLIES. ALL SUCH FLIGHTS ARE REGULATED BY THE
BERLIN AIR SAFETY CENTER."

3. WE AGREED AD REF ALSO TO THE PROPOSED CONTINGENCY
FOLLOW-ON STATEMENT (PARA 3, REFTEL) THAT THERE HAVE
BEEN NO SOVIET FLIGHTS IN THE CORRIDORS IN RECENT YEARS.

4. THE REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE BERLIN

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 BONN 12369 02 OF 02 272028Z
ACTION EUR-08

INFO OCT-01 SS-14 ISO-00 SSO-00 NSC-05 NSCE-00 INR-05
CIAE-00 SP-02 L-01 PRS-01 PM-03 DODE-00 EB-04
ACDA-10 INRE-00 /054 W
-----101034 272051Z /66

O O 272014Z JUL 77 ZFF 4
FM AMEMBASSY BONN
TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 0152
INFO USMISSION USBERLIN IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY BERLIN
AMEMBASSY LONDON
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW
AMEMBASSY PARIS
USMISSION NATO
CINC EUR VAIHINGEN
CINC USAFE RAMSTEIN
CINC USAREUR HEIDELBERG
USELM LIVE OAK
7350 ABGP TEMPELHOF

C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 02 OF 02 BONN 12369

LIMDIS

MISSIONS' DRAFT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. SINCE WE UNDERSTAND THE NORMAL PROCEDURE IN
BASC IS FOR THE AUTHORITY COMPETENT FOR THE
CORRIDOR (E.G., THE BRITISH IN THE CENTER CORRIDOR)
TO PASS THE CARD, REGARDLESS OF THE NATIONALITY OF THE
AIRCRAFT INVOLVED, THERE WAS SOME QUESTION AS TO THE
SOVIET OBLIGATION TO PASS A CARD IN THIS CASE. IN
ADDITION, THERE WAS SOME QUESTION WHETHER THE DESCENT
PROCEDURES IN THE BCZ CAN BE SPECIFICALLY DESIGNATED AS
BEING QUADRIPARTITELY AGREED. IT WAS THOUGHT BEST NOT
TO BE SO SPECIFIC ON THIS POINT. FINALLY, THE USE OF
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 BONN 12369 02 OF 02 272028Z

"QUADRIPARTITE AIRSPACE" WAS QUESTIONED AS BEING AN EXACT TERM.

B. WITH REGARD TO THE PRESS STATEMENT, UK CIVIL AIR ATTACHE (HANLEY) NOTED THAT THE 1946 RULES OF FLIGHT HAVE LONG BEEN ELABORATED BY LATER PRACTICES (E.G., HE SAID THAT THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT UNDER THESE RULES TO CONTACT BARTCC UNLESS INSTRUMENT FLIGHT RULES ARE IN EFFECT) -- HENCE THE PREFERENCE FOR "POSTWAR AGREEMENTS ESTABLISHING THE CORRIDORS."

5. THE FRENCH HAVE RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM PARIS NOT TO AGREE TO A STATEMENT UNTIL THEY HEAR FROM PARIS. ALL THREE BONN GROUP REPS ARE, THEREFORE, FORWARDING THE AD REF TEXT FOR APPROVAL FROM CAPITALS. WE WILL DISCUSS WITH FRG TOMORROW THE POSSIBILITY OF THE FRG TAKING UP WITH THE SOVIETS THE VIOLATION OF THE AEROFLOT DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE SINCE IT WAS SUPPOSED TO GO VIA A ROUTE OVER HELGOLAND AND NOT VIA THE CORRIDORS. SINCE ANOTHER AEROFLOT FLIGHT IS SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY AND MONDAY ON THE SAME ROUTE, WE BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE REPLY BE DELIVERED IN THE BASC AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVAL OF TEXTS.
STOESSEL

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: AIRSPACE VIOLATIONS, BERLIN TRIPARTITE MATTERS, MEETINGS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 27-Jul-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 22 May 2009
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977BONN12369
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770269-0443
Format: TEL
From: BONN
Handling Restrictions:
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770715/aaaaamxd.tel
Line Count: 198
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 3b0a8663-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: LIMDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 4
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: LIMDIS
Reference: 77 USBERLIN 1961
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 28-Sep-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 1739405
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: SOVIET CORRIDOR FLIGHT
TAGS: PGOV, EAIR, UR, GC, BQG
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odhc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/3b0a8663-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009